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1. There are three rubber factories in Hungary.

- a. The MRG Hungarian Rubber Industry, Budapest, Kerepesi ut 18, formerly a Dunlop factory. The firm was nationalized in 1948, and later put under Soviet control, as were all formerly foreign companies. The factory is one of the most modern and best equipped rubber factories in Europe. With its 25,000 to 30,000 workers, it forms a whole town. [It works mainly for the armaments industry and also produces tires. According to a rumor, the erection of a branch of the factory for the production of artificial rubber is planned at Matyasföld (H 62), by the end of 1952.]
- b. The Hungarian Guttapercha and Rubber Factory at Nagytétény (H 41), which also serves the armaments industry. This factory does not produce tires?
- c. The Dorogi United Rubber Industry State Company at Kőbánya, Budapest. This is a small factory, formerly the Dorogi factory, which after nationalization was amalgamated with other small factories. It produces mainly consumer goods.

2. Artificial resin, plastics and other synthetic materials are produced by the Klotild Chemical Works at Fertőut, Kőbánya, which is the largest chemical factory in Hungary. It uses materials supplied by the State Coal Mines, formerly the Salgotarján Mines Ltd. The State Coal Mines have chemical installations at Dorog (Z 26) where phenol and cresol for synthetic resin are produced. Cresol is successfully produced with 60 percent metacresol content (previously the content had been only 45 percent). The daily production of phenol and cresol is about two tons, which is supplied to the Klotild factory. The Klotild factory works mainly for the armament industry and produces synthetic resin, bakelite powder and bakelite, and carbamit (a glasslike colorless plastic which is produced from urea).

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3. There is a small factory (the former Iisauer factory), employing five or six workers, at Kőbánya ut 43/b, Budapest. This factory produces bakelite powder and rubber tubes. The bakelite powder is supplied to other factories manufacturing bakelite articles.

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* comment: A previous report gives only 1,500 workers as of January 1951.

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